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SUBJECT: GOTHENBURG MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR USG SPEAKER

REF: STATE 56366

1. MAYOR HANSSON IS TRULY DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF AMBASSADOR DENT'S INTEREST IN MAKING A ONE-DAY VISIT TO GOTHENBURG. HE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME ON MAY 14

2. SINCE MAY 14 IS A FRIDAY, A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF DENT'S POTENTIAL AUDIENCE WILL BE LEAVING TOWN THAT AFTERNOON FOR THE COUNTRY. HENCE HANSSON AND THE GOTHENBURG ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY AND BANKING ("BARSELSESKAPET") WHICH WILL BE SPONSORING THE EVENT, PROPOSE THAT IT BE ARRANGED IN CONNECTION WITH A LUNCH. THEY WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR DENT TO SPEAK FOR 45-60 MINUTES ON THE STATE OF THE US ECONOMY AND US-SCANDINAVIAN TRADE RELATIONS, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONS

SINCE THEY PLAN TO INVITE PARTICIPANTS NOT ONLY FROM ALL OVER SWEDEN BUT ALSO FROM NORWAY AND DENMARK, THEY PREFER A DISCUSSION OF OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH SCANDINAVIA RATHER THAN ONLY SWEDEN. THEY EXPECT AN AUDIENCE OF 200-350 PERSONS FROM ALL WALKS OF ECONOMIC LIFE PLUS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND ACADEMIA. THE TALK IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION PERIOD 45-60 MINUTES IN LENGTH. THE MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY EITHER MAYOR HANSSON OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING ASSOCIATION WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF SKF.

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3. HANSSON IS KEEN ON ARRANGING A PROGRAM OF VISITS TO TWO OR THREE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS BY AMBASSADOR DENT AND WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE AVAILABLE FOR THIS. HE HOPES IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN THE TOUR FAIRLY EARLY IN THE MORNING, MAKE ALL THE VISITS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED LUNCH MEETING. EH SUGGESTS VISITS TO VOLVO AND SKF AND, TIME PERMITTING, TO HASSELBLAD, THE FIRM WHICH PRODUCED SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT USED ON THE APOLLO SPACE MISSIONS.

4. HANSSON WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF NORFOLK AND OTHER VIRGINA OFFICIALS.

5. PLEASE INFORM ASAP WHETHER GOTHENBURG PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO AMBASSADOR DENT AND WHETHER THEY CAN GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS. HANSSON WILL WRITE TO DENT DIRECTLY, FORMALLY INVITING HIM; PLEASE FURNISH ADDRESS TO WHICH LETTER SHOULD BE SENT.
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